BETHS VIP

Excellence - Community - Respect - Nurture

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents, Carers,

On Thursday 24th November 2022, we laid our student Osaivbie to rest. A large number of staff and students attended the service in the church and at the internment in the cemetery and ort thanks go to DJ Coaches and Paula Florist Kent for their support providing transport and a beautiful floral arrangement.

We were also able to stream the service in the school hall which had a mixture of year groups in attendance and many of our staff. We are very proud of our students in the way they carried themselves and supported each other both in person and in the school hall.

Mr McBeth, Key Stage 4 Manager, wrote and delivered a speech on behalf of the whole Beths School Community, which is attached to this VIP.

Next week our Year 11s commence their Trial Examinations, and we wish them well with their revision and exams over the next fortnight.

The school office has sent a school coms message home regarding the Flu vaccination that will be carried out in January for Years 7 to 11. The NHS team's deadline for registration is Friday 9th December 2022.

Kind regards, Richard Blyghton Speech written and delivered by Mr McBeth, Key Stage 4 Manager on behalf of the whole Beths School Community.



I would firstly like to thank the Obasohan family for allowing us the honour of being able to attend this service to mark our respects to our dear fellow student Osaivbie. Today I speak on behalf of the entire Beths community, both staff and students when I share our tribute to his wonderful life.

Osaivbie (who was affectionately known as Ossy amongst staff and pupils) joined Beths Grammar school in September 2019 and was placed in form 7 Hurst. Mrs Amin, his Head of Year, recalls someone who was keen and eager to begin his secondary education with us. Whilst to begin he was rather shy and slightly timid (like most year 7 boys at that stage) he was pleased with himself having passed the selection test and was due to follow in the footsteps of his older brother, as he began the next stage in his journey of life. Mrs Amin remembers how he was excited about the future and was keen to settle in quickly to his new surroundings, with a particular excitement about getting a bus to school for the first time. Joining a large secondary school can be a daunting task for many, but for Osaivbie he settled well and took time to get to know the many new faces around him and fully immerse himself into school life.







It was in these earlier days that he started to build those strong friendships with his peers which have lasted ever since. Indeed, the strength of our representation here today from the school sends a signal that he was a very popular and much-loved young man.

In those early days, many staff recall an excellent first impression, an excellent work ethic and a genuine commitment to wanting to do well. Like many of our boys, Osaivbie demonstrated those deep-rooted characteristics of the true Beths boy. He loved Maths, the Sciences, Sport and plenty of good food! He spent his break and lunch times on the tennis courts playing basketball and football and did all the things typical of a teenage boy who loved life. He quickly achieved colours for sports and recently took part in the UCL scholars programme. Whilst from the word go, he quickly knuckled down in lessons, he also enjoyed the social aspect of school life, seeing it not only as a place of study and a place of learning, but also a place where he could socialise and mix with others and share the good times with. For Osaivbie, the future was bright, and he began his journey with us with a single-minded determination to do well and to make his parents proud.

Whilst staff keep a careful watch over their flock, it is the boys themselves that know each other the best. His classmates recall someone who was, simply put, a much-loved friend, with a kind and genuine heart. It has been interesting reading their comments as they recall their fondest memories of Osaivbie. It appears that he, like a few boys here today, now and again enjoyed a little innocent mischievousness that often lies in the heart of every teenage boy. Whilst described as a quiet person, he loved nothing more than a good laugh in the company of his friends. He was a very bright and intelligent student with a particular willingness to lend a helping hand to others during those maths and science lessons. When the equations started getting longer and more complex, Osaivbie could always be relied upon to lend a helping hand and rescue a few of his peers from their maths misery. He very quickly became the favourite person to sit beside in lessons.







I have even come to learn that he helped one or two of you with your maths and science homework's that you were completing during your lunchtime, which just happened to be due in your afternoon lesson that day.

Whilst he excelled academically in the classroom, there is one running theme which simply cannot go unmentioned. His absolute love and truly impressive skills in sport. He is described by both fellow teammates, staff and the bystanders at matches as a truly exceptional and gifted sportsman. Many of the memories fondly recalled by the boys themselves are of those house football and basketball matches where Osaivbie was described very much so as the man of the match. He shot to fame early on in his Beths sporting career and quickly won favour with his form with his performance in house football, when Hurst house was playing against Cray house. As many a Beths boy will tell you, house football can be the pinnacle of your sporting career, your opportunity to show case your skills to the eyes of others whilst earning those all-essential house points. On that day, the stakes were high and the competition fierce. Hurst were losing and the game wasn't working in their favour. Midway through the match the ball comes to Osaivbie and he was about to shoot on the halfway line, only to have the entire form screaming at him from the side-lines telling him not to shoot. But in the heat of the moment and calling upon his natural skill for sport he took the chance and kicked the ball which ended up flying into the top corner of the net, much to the disbelief of his classmates - only to be met with the typical screams and cheers from bystanders. Later that match he scored two of the three goals leading Hurst to victory and Cray taking defeat.

He also had a particular skill for rugby. Paul, a fellow rugby player, recalls that in year 7 he convinced Osaivbie to come to one of our rugby games against Buller's Wood school for Boys. Osaivbie turned out to be a natural player and scored many tires for the school that day. He was that good that the referee asked Mr Temple to take him off the team because it was unfair against the Buller's Wood Boys who simply couldn't match his skill.







Basketball was his true love. So many of the memories our students recall relate to his performance on the basketball court. He played for the school team and there is no question that he was one of the best players the school has seen in some time. One of the reoccurring themes in the notes of condolences and memories from the students is that not only did he have a physical skill for the game, but he was the shining example of an exemplary sportsman. He demonstrated a true team spirt and took it upon himself to encourage others in the difficult times when matches weren't going well. Several boys recall how he often approached students trying to recruit them to the team and spent time practicing with them to get them up to standard. He motivated others and encouraged everyone to work together to achieve a shared goal. I am sure that if he was here now to hear this glowing praise for his skills we would be met with a humble smile. A humble smile from someone who was a true sporting success but never sought the limelight. He enjoyed his sport, but also enjoyed being part of a family of teammates.

Osaivbie's life can be characterised by three simple, but powerful words. Faith, Hope and Love. Faith was a strong part of his life. Osaivbie actively lived out those Christian values every day of his life. This is not an easy task for a teenage boy. His genuine and loving care for others, his humble and quiet approach to life, along with his quiet but inspirational leadership, made him, in our eyes a true man of faith. Even away from the eyes of his parents, he stood true to the values taught to him. A true and fulfilled life is one where we live a Christ like example here on earth. The bible tells us in the book of James to let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. Osaivbie was a gentle soul. He cast no judgment, spoke no anger and took time to listen to other. He was kind to others, tender-hearted and forgiving. Blessed are the humble, for they will be great. As a faithful young man his life was abounded with blessings, and we feel privileged to have been part of it. He truly enriched the Beths community and life will not be same for all of us again.







To summarise a life is an impossible task. He was a young man who demonstrated everything and more we would ever want from a Beths Boy. He excelled in the classroom, worked hard with his studies, demonstrated true respect for everyone and he was ambitious for his future. Our school values of Excellence, Community, Respect and Nurture were demonstrated everyday he was with us. However, as a school, we are the first to recognise that these were not taught by us. Instead, these values were so deeply entrenched in him by his loving family well before he stepped foot through the school gates. And so, I feel it only right to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to his family. Ephesians tell us we must nurture children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Proverbs later tell us to train our children up in the way that they should go and when they are older, they will not divert from their ways. Mr and Mrs Obasohan, when we look at your family, you have more than succeeded in this vital duty. He was an absolute credit to you and your family and please cherish those sacred memories which I am sure will never leave us all. He was a true example to us all.

The news of Osaivbie's death sent shockwaves across the Beths community. The reality that we have lost one of our boys has hit us hard. Today the corridors and classrooms at Beths fall silent and lay empty as a mark of respect to our dear fellow student and friend. We come together to give thanks for his life and for the impact he had on our lives.

On behalf of the staff and students at Beths,
Osaivbie, Ossy, we say good night. We rest assured
that one day we will meet again. May flights of
heavenly angels lead and sing you to a paradise of
eternal rest. At your coming, may thy king receive
you into the holy city. Whilst we here are
heartbroken and mourn your loss in our lives, we
are comforted by the knowledge that for you, Christ
has come to take you home and that true joy has
filled your heart. You now wear the crown of life and
sit with the King of Glory.





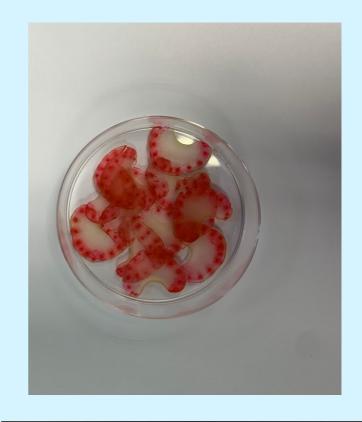




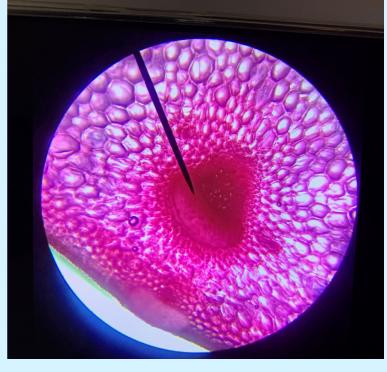
STEM CLUB

During STEM club this week, students investigated celery soaked in red dye. They observed xylem phloem and vascular bundle and, took some photographs through the microscope to draw their structures. The best diagrams won a prize.















STUDENT SUCCESS

Last week we celebrated Noah's Jack Petchey award to which he wanted to spend the remaining money on the form to end Wellbeing week.

Thank you to Noah for doing this for the form and contributing money to the little library and two litter pickers for the eco club!













WHAT MAKES ME SMILE WELL BEING WEEK

Last week we celebrated wellbeing week. There were a range of activities ran by our student and staff wellbeing champions. This included a writing of a mood diary, reflection letters, hope clouds, student lead presentations and even a 'What makes me smile' competition! Below is Barack from 7W poem about what makes him smile, as well as a range of pictures from many students and staff about what makes them smile.

What makes me smile What makes life worth the while What keeps me awake at day And make my feelings sway What must I do to keep on this smile Not just upon my mouth but within my lifestyle It's the feeling of satisfaction you get on a rainy day It's the feeling of togetherness when you are told to stay But this feeling might not be for long your smile might go away This feeling is a horrid one that could lead you astray But everyone gets it, and you need to know its ok We can't be happy all the time And let me tell you it's perfectly fine We must experience these emotions But you have to take it with cautions Whether positive or negative you mustn't let them control you Or you could turn others blue What makes me smile There is too much to say What makes life worth the while You can find out today.

- By Barack 7W

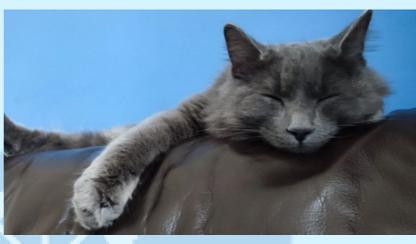






WHAT MAKES ME SMILE WELL BEING WEEK













CHINESE CLUB

During Chinese Experience Club, students learnt about and made their own Chinese kites. Kites originally played a role in providing intelligence for Chinese military forces.















YOUNG PEOPLES WELL BEING

Money, the cost-of-living crisis and mental health | YoungMinds.

Youngminds have created an informational guide on the links between money and mental health, how to support your child's wellbeing and look after yourself in the cost-of-living crisis, and where to find practical and financial support for your family.





https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/money-and-mental-health/?utm_source=e-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=360schools&utm_content=nov2022







CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a range of clubs and extra curricular activities running for all year groups. For a full timetable of clubs and club information please head to our website https://www.beths.bexley.sch.uk/page/?

title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=50

KS3 Clubs

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
8 -						
8.30am			KS3 Basketball Sports Hall	KS3 Basketball Sports Hall		
			Eco Club ODD WEEK A4			
			Mr Glendinning			
					DT Club A9 Mr Knott	
			Humanities club EVEN			
	French Club EVEN WEEK		WEEK M2 Ms Palmer		Manga Club ODD WEEK B4	
	S19 Ms James				Ms Takeda*	
			Music Appreciation 12:15-			
	Spanish Club EVEN WEEK		12:45pm P2		Animation Club A3 Ms	
	S16 Ms Bridge	LGBTQ+ Society S18 Mr			Twinem	
		Stein	Y8 Dungeons and Dragons			
	Reading Club EVEN WEEK		DandT Hub Ms		Creative Writing ODD	
	B5 Ms Monteith	Drama Club P3 Ms	Commerford	Connect Club EVEN WEEK	WEEK B2 Lady Irving-Gale	
		Monteith		B4 Ms Takeda		
	U14 Basketball Sports Hall		Collegium Antiquum 12.15		Music Support Session	
Lunch	Year 8 Rugby Field	Year 7 Basketball	start S19 Mr Simpson	KS3 Badminton Sports Hall	12:00-12:45pm P2	
	Run Club School Field Mr					
	Walter	Memrise Clinic \$16 Ms				
		Bridge				
	Beths Youth Band 3:40-					
	4:45 P1	Music Enrichment -		Warhammer \$1 (3.40 start)		
		Audition only	Theatre Production 3.45-	Mr Turnbull		
	** Group Piano lessons		4.30 P3 Ms Grady*			
	3;30-4:30 P2	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in		Beths Singers 3:40-4:45pm		
		the Main School Hall	Year 7 Football Field	P1		
	Year 7 Rugby Field				U13 Basketball Sports Hall	
		Year 8 Rugby Field	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Year 9 Football Field		
After	STEM Club Y7 S12 Ms		beginners; 4:00-4:30		Beths Big Band 3:40-	
School	Sarker	Year 9 Rugby Field	intermediate in P2	U14 Basketball Sports Hall	4:45pm P2	

KS4 Clubs

Timetable	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Eco Club EVEN WEEK A4		
			Ms Purbrick		
			Poetry Club EVEN WEEK		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
			B1 Dr Easton		S19,EVEN S15) Ms Harris
	Tap and Rap 1:10-1:45pm	Y11 Study Club (13.20-	U16 Basketball Sports Hall		Social Sciences Reading
	P1	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda			Club FIRST ODD FRIDAY
			English Revision Club ODD		OF MONTH M4
	History Club EVEN WEEK	Music Revision 1:10-	WEEK B5		
	M5	1:45pm P1		Psychology Club MCC Mr	Film Club B6 Ms Quinn
			Reading Club ODD WEEK	Walsh and Ms Moffat	and Mr Russell
	Maths Club B12 Mr Khalid	Philosophy Society ODD	B5 Ms Monteith		
		WEEK M2 Ms May and	Music Theory Club at	Debating Club M4 Mr	Y11 Study Club (13.20-
Lunchtime	Chess Club A2 Mr Healy	Ms Moffat	1:10pm-1:45pm P1	Chamberlain	13.50) B4 Ms Takeda
			U16 Basketball Sports Hall		

			** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00	Warhammer S1 Mr	
			beginners; 4:00-4:30	Turnbull	
			intermediate in P2		
	Year 10 Rugby Field		Theates Bradustics 2.45	Beths Singers 3:40-	
			Theatre Production 3.45-	4:45pm P1	
After	** Group Piano lessons	Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm in	4.30 P3 Ms Grady*		Beths Big Band 3:40-
School	3;30-4:30 P2	the Main School Hall		Year 10 Football Field	4:45pm P2

CLUBS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KS5 Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wadnesday	Thursday	Eriday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Gym Club (Max 15	Friday
				people) - Weights Room	
8 - 8.30am				Mr Webb	
	Tan and Dan 1:10			Group Therapy* - C4	
	Tap and Rap 1:10- 1:45pm - P1 Ms		Eco Club (EVEN WEEK)	Denise Brett-Smith	
	Marriott		A4 Ms Purbrick and Mr Glendinning		
	warnott		Glendinning	Music Revision 1:10-	
	History Club (EVEN		Music Theory Club at	1:45pm - P1 Ms Marriott	
	WEE) - M5		1:10pm-1:45pm - P1 Ms	Psychology Club - MCC	
	WEEJ - WIS		Marriott	Mr Walsh and Ms	
	Chess Club - A2 Mr			Moffat	
	Healy		Poetry Club (EVEN		LGBTQ+ Society (ODD-
	ricary		WEEK) - B1 Dr Easton	Debating Club - M4 Mr	S19, EVEN S15) Ms
	Muslim Prayer			Chamberlain	Harris
	group- C3 Mr		English Revision Club		Sector Section 1
	Ahmed		(ODD WEEK) - B5	Muslim Prayer group -	Social Sciences Reading
				C3 Mr Ahmed	Club FIRST (ODD FRIDAY
	KS5 Chemistry Club	Philosophy Society (ODD	Muslim Prayer group -		OF MONTH) - M4
	- S8	WEEK) - M2 Ms May and	C3 Mr Ahmed	Yu-Gi-Oh Club - A5 Mr	Film Club - B6 Ms Quinn
		Ms Moffat		Walter	and Mr Russell
	KS5 Physics		Reading Club (ODD		and IVIT Russell
	Olympiad Club - S1	Muslim Prayer group -	WEEK) - B5 Ms Monteith	Informatics Olympiad	Muslim Prayer group -
		C3 Mr Ahmed	Monteith	club - IT1	C3 Mr Ahmed
	Gender Equality		KSS Maths Olympiad		C3 WII AIIIIEU
	Society - A7B Ms	Computer Science	Club - B12 Mr Khalid	BMAT physics support	Multi-Cultural
	Ewing	interview prep - S1 Mr		for Medics - S0 Mr	Committee - MCC 1-
		Beaney	Personal Statement	Beaney	1.30pm
Lunchtime			Clinic - LRC Mr Beaney		
			Music Technology Club		
			Venue TBC Ms Marriott		
			1st XI Football PE		
			2nd XI Football PE		
			6th Form Basketball		
			Sports Hall PE		
	** Group Piano	Girls Rugby Field Ms	Sth Form St. L. F		
	lessons 3;30-4:30	Ewing	6th Form Girls Football	Warhammer S1 Mr	
	P2		PE	Turnbull	
After		Orchestra 3:40-4:45pm	** Violin Club: 3:30-4:00		
School/	Engineering A6	in the Main School Hall	beginners; 4:00-4:30	Beths Singers 3:40-	
Wednesday	Mr Morgan	Ms Marriott	intermediate in P2 Ms	4:45pm P1 Ms Marriott	Beths Big Band 3:40-
P3			Marriott		4:45pm P2 Ms Marriott







SPORTS FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Results for week commencing 21st November

FOOTBALL						
15.11.22	ESFA	U13A	V Thomas Tallis School	Home	Won 5- 1	
22.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Sevenoaks School	Home	Postponed	
		Girls				
22.11.22	ESFA Rd 3	U14A	V The Kingston Academy	Away	Won 4 - 7	
23.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar Boys	Home	Won 5 – 3	
23.11.22	Friendly	1 st XI	V The Marsh Academy	Home	Lost 1 - 2	
		girls				
23.11.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V St Gregory's Catholic School	Away	Won 0 - 2	
BASKETBALL						
18.11.22	Jr NBA tournament	U13A	V Wilmington Academy	Away	Won 10 - 29	
18.11.22	Jr NBA tournament	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	Won 8-36	
21.11.22	Friendly	U14A	V SCWA	Away	Won 16 - 80	

Fixtures for week commencing 28th November

FOOTBALL							
25.11.22	ESFA Rd 4	U16A	V St Martin's School	Away	KO 2:15pm		
28.11.22	Area Cup	U15A	V Hurstmere Foundation School	Home	KO 2:30pm		
			for Boys				
28.11.22	ESFA Rd 3	U13A	V Kingsdale Foundation School	Away	KO 1:45pm		
30.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Wilmington Grammar, Boys	Home	KO 2pm		
30.11.22	Kent League	1 st XI	V Bullers Wood School	Away	KO 2pm		
		Girls					
30.11.22	Kent League	2 nd XI	V St Gregory's Catholic School	Home	KO 2pm		
01.12.22	KSFA SF	U13B	V Bishop Challoner School	Away	KO 2pm		
RUGBY							
28.11.22	Friendly	U13A	V Langley Park School for Boys	Home	KO 4pm		
30.11.22	Friendly	1 st XV	V The Canterbury Academy	Away	KO 2pm		
BASKETBALL							
29.11.22	Friendly	U15A	V SCWA	Home	4pm KO		
02.12.22	Jr NBA	U13A	V Ravens Wood School	Away	ко твс		

*Please note that some matches may be cancelled/postponed and therefore we ask you to keep an eye on the SOCS website.

Beths Grammar School | Sports Home (bethssport.co.uk)

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE









BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Christmas season is fastly approaching, why not raise funds for Beths while doing your shopping!

On Tuesday 8th of November 2022, Beths PA committee members met to discuss with great interest future strategy and fundraising activities. Thrilling projects will be shared shortly with the school community so we can work together by providing positive outcomes to the requests received by several department at Beths School.

Thursday 8th December 2022 - Beths Christmas Jumpers Day!



Ahead of this friendly event, please donate your pre-loved Christmas Jumper. The PA will

organise a sale to raise funds for the school and a charity. Please drop your Christmas Jumper off at the School's Reception or contact us on: beths.parents.association@gmail.com

The PA is launching a new festive fundraising activity - Beths Christmas Tree Sale!

Why not order your Christmas tree form Beths Parents Association and raise money for the students? There are Five tree options and prices to choose from, ranging from £29.25 (3-4ft) to £53.50 (premium grade 7-8ft tree). Collection of your tree(s) from the school on Thursday 1st December 2022 from 4pm to 7pm. Please contact Beths PA for further details: beths.parents.association@gmail.com

Spread the world and let your family and friends know about this great event









BETHS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Friends and Sponsors of Beths Parents Associations

Why not become a Sponsor by making a donation and having your business logo published on our pages!

Please contact us for more details: beths.parents.association@gmail.com THANK YOU!

Important dates

Beths PA Christmas Tree Sale: Thursday 1st December 2022, 4-7pm at Beths Grammar School

Beths Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 8th December 2022 -

Uniform Sale: December (TBC)

Next PA meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2022@ 7.30pm - Teams

Quiz Night: 2023 (Date TBC)

Please keep checking on our website and social media pages for upcoming events



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